

Application No.: 10/782,957
Examiner: J.H.Swartz
Art Unit: 3694

In the Drawings

The drawings are amended as shown on the replacement sheet of drawings containing Figure 1 and marked "Replacement Sheet" as appended to this paper. The nature of the amendments is discussed below in the remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

In the drawings

Revised Fig. 1 is shown in the "Replacement Sheet" of drawing appended herewith. Fig. 1 has been revised to exchange reference characters "A1" and "B1" in order to correspond with the usage of these reference characters in the specification.

Rejection of claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 4 and 10 presently stand rejected as being indefinite. In particular, the examiner states that the phrase "where the specific time period is selected from the group" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether or not the group is a set of options given to the user, or how the specific time period is selected." (page 2 of the Office action).

Claims 4 and 10 are amended to point out that each past day, each past week, each past month, each past season, and a year are pre-implemented in a part of number keys of the input module to accordingly act as the summation key. Support for this amendment is found at page 5 of the specification, as well as in figure 1. Referring to figure 1, it can be seen that summation keys 122, for calculating a sum for each of a day (number key 1), a week (number key 2), a month (number key 3) and so forth correspond to number keys.

In view of the amended claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4 and 10 are fully compliant with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and accordingly withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 presently stand rejected as being unpatentable over Schrader et al. (U.S. 5,903,881) in view of Lomet (U.S. 6,754,657), and claim 5 is rejected as being

unpatentable over Schrader and Lomet in view of Official Notice. These rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Schrader nor Lomet disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention and, more particularly, Schrader nor Lomet fail to disclose or suggest an input module implemented in hardware for inputting, and *having at least one save key* for saving the value displayed in the display module, and *at least one summation key* for computing a saved value.

Schrader nor Lomet further fail to disclose or suggest receiving a save command after the save key of the input module being pressed, controlling the memory to save the value in conjunction with the corresponding time parameter provided by the clock according to the save command, and receiving a summation command after the summation key of the input module being pressed for computing a summation of the value saved in the memory.

As an initial observation, it is respectfully submitted that Schrader implements a windows-based interface comprising virtual keys or buttons that are implemented in software, but does not disclose or suggest keys *implemented in hardware* for inputting, including at least one save key for saving the value displayed in the display module, and at least one summation key for computing a saved value.

Further, turning for example to dependent claims 4 and 10, there is no teaching or suggestion that a summation of the values saved in the memory that occurred *during a specific time period* is computed after the summation key is pressed, where the specific time period is selected from the group of: each past day, each past week, each past month, each past season, and a year that are pre-implemented in a part of number keys of the input module to accordingly act as the summation key.

Moreover, turning to dependent claims 5 and 10, there is no teaching or suggestion that at least one summation key of the input module is a single multi-functional key to select a specific time period based on a number of times that the single multi-functional

key is pressed down, where the specific time period is one day, week, month, season or year.

It is respectfully submitted that neither of the cited references discloses or suggests the present invention wherein a summation key of a typical calculator (which may be implemented as a single multi-functional summation key or as a part of the number keys) is employed to calculate income or expenses according to a selected time interval.

Notably, the disclosure of time stamping of database records is not a teaching or suggestion of calculate income or expenses according to a selected time interval which may be a day, week, month, season, year, or the like.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Schrader and Lomet (even in view of the examiner's Official Notice) fail to disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are allowable over the cited references, and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1-10 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

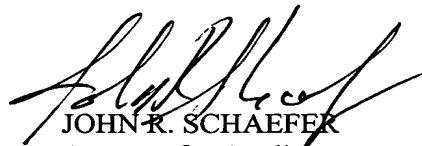
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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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